

Media Advisory



Chicago's WTTW11 to Air "A Court at the Heart of America" *Documentary Film Explores Illinois Federal Courts' Impact on Nation*

Chicago, Ill. - On September 26, 2019, WTTW11 Chicago will debut "A Court at the Heart of America," a special one-hour documentary film that highlights the stories, cases, and issues that have shaped 200 years of justice in the federal courts in Illinois.

Upcoming episode airdates include the following:

- September 26, 2019 at 10:00 pm on WTTW11
- September 27, 2019 at 7:00 am on WTTW Prime
- September 27, 2019 at 4:00 pm on WTTW Prime
- September 28, 2019 at 12:30 am on WTTW11

Illinois federal court is where a young Abraham Lincoln argued that trains - not steamships - were America's future. Chicago federal court is where corrupt public officials have met their downfall. "Days of Rage" played out in the Chicago Conspiracy trial - where Abbie Hoffman butted heads with Judge Julius Hoffman and Bobby Seale was bound and gagged. Illinois federal court is where thousands of individuals have taken the oath to become U.S. citizens; where everyday people pursue the ideals enshrined in the U.S. Constitution; and where dramas, big and small, play out every day.

"A Court at the Heart of America" was produced by CourtMedia based in Wheaton, Illinois, and commissioned by the Northern District of Illinois Court Historical Association.

A two-minute trailer is available at <https://vimeo.com/337320676>

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